

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 8, and 9 are currently pending. Claims 5-7 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; Claims 8 and 9 have been added; and Claims 1-4 have been amended by the present amendment. The additions and changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.¹

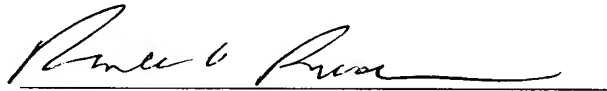
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 20, 2009, Applicants elect without traverse, the invention of Group I, drawn to an imaging device. As amended, Claims 1-4, 8, and 9 read on the invention of Group I and should be examined.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of the claims of Group I is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See, e.g., Fig. 18 and the description thereof, and pages 13-15 and 20-22 in Applicants' specification.